



FSC in Sweden

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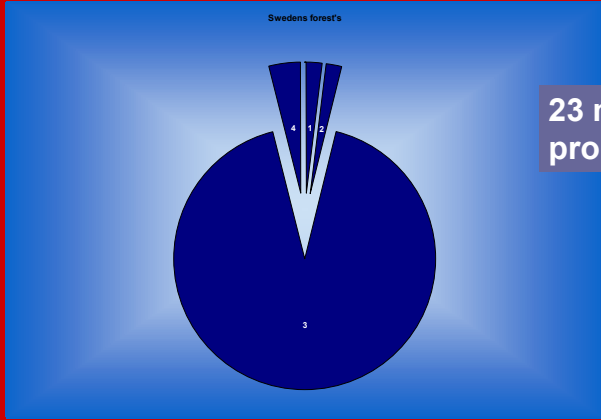
Swedish Society for Nature Conservation -
SSNC



A presentation by Jonas Rudberg
Forest campaigner, SSNC

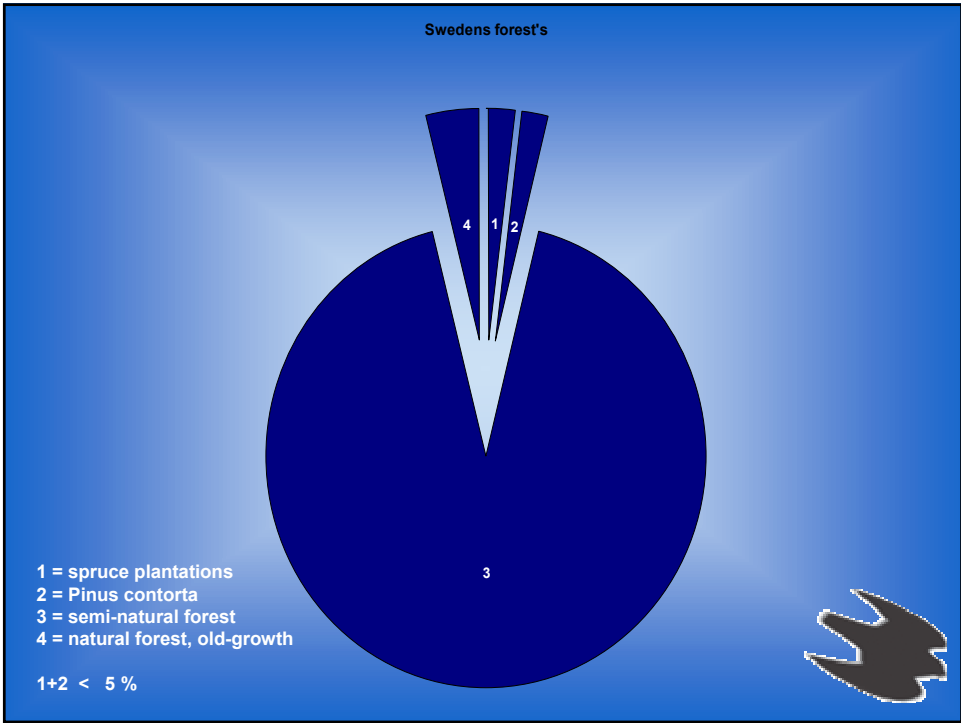
[member of Swedish FSC Council]





23 million ha
prod. forest land

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1+2 < 5%



The FSC process was originally (1994) initiated by SSNC and WWF Sweden

- information & discussions
- reference group
- standard discussion -> "pre-draft"



SSNC and WWF presented "preliminary criteria" (= draft standard) 1995

The document was drafted after consultation and discussions with scientist, foresters, forest owner, indigenous people, workers & other stakeholders



Forest companies were
applauding the initiative



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... but, unfortunately, no one adopted the
document...



FSC Working Group formed early 1996

3 chambers

Environmental – Social – Economic



Environmental

SSNC - WWF Sweden - Birdlife Sweden -
Fältbiologerna (youth NGO) - FoE Sweden -
Greenpeace Sweden



Social

National Union of Sami People - Forest Workers
Trade Union - Woodworkers Trade Union



Economic

Forest Owners Association - Forest Industries
Federation – Church of Sweden - Forest
Society - IKEA of Sweden * – Kinnarps AB*

* furniture companies



Swedish FSC Standard were
finalised and agreed* in 1997

* note: Greenpeace Sweden, Forest Owners Association
not supporting the document



Endorsed by
FSC Board of Directors
in May 1998



Environment and biodiversity standards

- ✓ preservation and restoration of habitats
- ✓ habitats with specific mgt requirements
- ✓ water management



Environment and biodiversity standards

- ✓ soil management
- ✓ regeneration, stand mgt and felling
- ✓ forestry in the agricultural landscape and on previously open land



Environment and biodiversity standards

- ✓ overall planning
- ✓ adaption to natural ecocycles



10 000 000+ ha so far
FSC certified in Sweden

[appr. 45% of productive forest land]



Revised standard (draft)

- ✓ Re-structured according to Principles and Criteria
- ✓ Improvements regarding social issues
- ✓ Some improvement of environmental issues

- ✓ Improvement of the system: decision-making, complaint procedures etc (separate process from standard revision)



Swedish FSC Council 2004

Environmental chamber

SSNC, WWF, Birdlife Sweden/Fältbiologerna



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Social chamber

National Union of Sami People, Swedish Forest and Wood Trade Union, Swedish Association for Hunting and Wildlife Management



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Economic chamber

Swedish Forest Industries Federation, Skogssällskapet (Forest Society), Church of Sweden/Forestry Contractors Federation





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